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The Honorable Barry Fleming State Representative State Capitol, Room 132 Atlanta, Georgia 30334

> SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification House Bill (LC 43 1192)

Dear Representative Fleming:

This bill would amend provisions relating to membership in the Employees' Retirement System. Specifically, this bill would affect certain members who were formerly active members of the Judicial Retirement System of Georgia and become the head of a state department, commission, or agency or are appointed by the Governor to a full-time salaried position on a state board or commission. If this legislation is enacted, such persons would be allowed to make an irrevocable election to remain in the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia or resume active membership in the Georgia Judicial Retirement System. This provision would only apply for persons who had at least six years of creditable service in the Judicial Retirement System of Georgia and have not withdrawn his or her accumulated contributions.

This is to certify that this bill is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin

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